GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:69
ANSWERED ON:20.11.2007
SETTING UP OF INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL TRIBAL UNIVERSITY
Patel Shri Kishanbhai Vestabhai

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government proposes to set up an Indira Gandhi National Tribal University exclusively for tribals to promote studies and research in tribal arts, culture, tradition and forest based economic activities etc:

(b) If so, the details thereof along with the aims and objectives of the proposed university: and

(c) The manner in which research facilities on tribes and higher education are likely to be achieved by setting up of such university?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI ARJUN SINGH)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.69 FOR 20.11.2007 REGARDING SETTING UP OF INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL TRIBAL UNIVESITY ASKED BY SHRI KISHANBHAI V.PATEL

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir, The Government proposes to establish a leading and affiliating University to facilitate and promote avenues of higher education and research facilities for the tribal population in the country. The Indira Gandhi National Tribal University Bill, 2007 to establish and incorporate the said University and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto, has already been introduced in The Rajya Sabha onn 23.8.2007. The objects of the University shall be to provide avenues of higher education and research facilities primarily for the tribal population of India, and shall include, inter-alia, promoting studies and research in tribal art, culture, tradition, language, custom, medicinal systems, forest based economic activities, including special studies in the flora and fauna, and advancements in technologies relating to natural resources of the tribal areas. The Bill empowers the University to decide on its research priorities and academic pursuits.